

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Reference: CAP Regulation 60-3

1. Emergency services is one of the three (3) missions of Civil Air Patrol. For more than 60 years, the dedicated volunteers of CAP have continued to save lives and alleviate human suffering through a number of emergency missions.

2. **SEARCH AND RESCUE:** Civil Air Patrol is best known for its search and rescue (SAR) effort. CAP now flies more than 85% of all inland missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Virginia. More than 100 people are saved every year through this effort.

3. **DISASTER RELIEF:** Civil Air Patrol volunteers are often the first on the scene when disaster strikes. Provide air and ground transportation, and an extensive communication network to local, state, and national disaster relief organizations. Civil Air Patrol has formal agreements with a number of humanitarian relief agencies including the American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

4. **HUMANITARIAN SERVICES:** Civil Air Patrol is perhaps less known for its transport of time-sensitive medical materials including blood and human tissue in situations where other means of transportation are not possible. Civil Air Patrol's live organ transport program is credited with saving an average of 10 lives per year.

5. **COUNTERDRUG (CD) OPERATIONS:** Civil Air Patrol has become a major contributor in the "War on Drugs" through agreements with the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Customs service, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the U.S. Forest Service. Civil Air Patrol provides aerial reconnaissance, airborne communication support, and airlift of law enforcement personnel in the counter drug effort.

6. Civil Air Patrol also performs a variety of missions in direct support of the U.S. Air Force. Missions such as damage assessment, radiological monitoring, light transport, communication support, and low altitude route surveys.

7. Always check the reference directive for details on emergency services.